



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2008

To: California Public Library Directors
California County Law Library Director

Susan Hildreth

From: Susan Hildreth, State Librarian of California

RE: 2008/09 Public Library Staff Education Program

I am pleased to announce the *2008/09 Public Library Staff Education Program*. The program, which was developed by a team of public library directors and staff, assists you in your efforts to encourage existing staff members to pursue their MLIS degree. The new program guidelines and application for this competitive tuition reimbursement grant program are available on our website at
http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta_app_08_09.html.

After reviewing the information, please distribute this information to interested staff. Be advised that although we have not yet received federal Library Services and Technology Act funds for 2008/2009 to support this program, the necessary efforts are underway. Also, due to potential budget reductions, we may need to reduce the number of new staff members receiving funding. We will give priority to staff members already in the program who are continuing in their efforts to obtain their degrees.

Thank you for your support of this program, and your assistance in recruiting the talented men and women who will be staffing and leading our libraries in the future. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact Kathy Low by e-mail at klow@library.ca.gov, or at (916) 653-6822.

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